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VIM AND VICTORY

Solid Democracy of Illinois Behind Roger C. Sullivan for Senator—Flock of Opponents Out for Themselves.

The Fight for United States Senator, State and County Treasurer and for Mayor Fully Under Way.

Gossip from Individuals and Parties About Men in the Race and What They Are Doing for Their Country.

Items of Interest About People in Public Life and the Ambitions of Both Them and the Men Behind Them.

Roger C. Sullivan will have practically the solid backing of the Democracy of Illinois for United States Senator. This will nominate him and it will elect him. There is really very little opposition to Mr. Sullivan's candidacy. What little there is is very much divided and is divided at that among men who want the nomination—each man for himself. No man of state-wide strength opposes Mr. Sullivan. On the other hand, the support behind him is so spontaneous, so hearty and so enthusiastic that it cannot fail to lead on to victory.

Owing to the holiday rush, our account of the big Democratic New Year's meeting at the Second Regiment Armory, last week, was necessarily brief and we were obliged to omit the following resolutions introduced and read by John McGillen, which were adopted unanimously:

"We take this opportunity to congratulate the members of our party everywhere on the splendid record of public service already performed for the whole people by the Democratic party under the mastery leadership of President Wilson.

"His lofty patriotism has been an inspiration; his clear-eyed statesmanship a dependable guide. Results have been achieved within the brief space of ten months which are literally epochal in the political life of our country.

"The holding of public office has been lifted to the plane of high-minded public service. The party, through its representatives in Congress, has been welded into an efficient and affirmative agency of progress in government. The national government has been divorced from the selfish control of a small coterie of special interests and has been restored to the people.

"On such a record we can confidently face the future in solemn assurance that as Washington and Jefferson were given to lift a new born, struggling nation to its feet, and as Lincoln was given to save that nation in the darkest hour of its life, so Woodrow Wilson has been sent to inaugurate on this continent a new era in true democracy triumphant."

Fifty children, seventeen women, fifteen men and four dogs attended a meeting at the Key school in Austin Tuesday night to hear Carlo Vrooman and John Zero White tell why they ought to be made United States Senator. The fire department was not called out.

Reduce phone rates.

State's Attorney MacLay Hoyne has asked for a rehearing in the Supreme Court of the ouster proceedings against A. A. McCormick, president of the county board. Mr. Hoyne charges that the case was decided on an issue never raised by Mr. McCormick's counsel.

"We have long understood the law and the holdings of this court to be that an issue not raised by the briefs filed in the cause will not be passed upon," the state's attorney argued in the brief.

Exception is taken also to the Supreme Court's decision that the five-year-residence law was not applicable to Mr. McCormick or any other Cook County Commissioner. By this decision, Mr. Hoyne holds, the court "separates Cook County from every other county in the state."

"It fixes the five-year eligibility clause for commissioners in every other county," reads the brief, "and leaves Cook County without any eligibility clause upon the requirements of residence."

"A dangerous precedent would be established if the opinion of the Supreme Court were permitted to stand," said Mr. Hoyne yesterday. "I have cited five reasons why the court erred in not reversing the decision of the lower court."

The phone rate ordinance which cost the Trust so much, is void. The Supreme Court has said so.

The Eagle has always maintained that the State Utilities Commission could fix phone rates to suit the people. The U. S. Supreme Court says that it can.

The independent voter is getting more numerous all the time.

People interested in a bell punch will be glad to hear that the Legislative Voters League is still passing the hat.

The Phone Trust is still doing business.

The Progressives will name candidates for all offices this year. They would be foolish if they did not.

Twenty-third ward Republicans will probably nominate Otto Reese for alderman this spring. Mr. Reese served very creditably in the city council before and his record will elect him if he runs.

The Democrats polled 35 per cent of the vote of Illinois in 1912; Republicans 22 per cent; Progressives 34 per cent; Socialists 7 per cent; drays 1 per cent.

Talking Carlo tells the people what he don't know about Sullivan; Hungry Hogan talks on fares; John Zero tells of the single tax; Windy Frank talks about himself. The season's vaudeville. Four screen show. All for one admission.

Judging from some of the remarks of little jokers running for Senator they are mad about something.

The small fry sensational candidates are all barking at the big Sullivan boom. It certainly wakes them up.

Well the aldermen who were out for that 'phone consolidation boodle didn't connect, did they?

The efforts of "reformers" to separate men from their souls are still in operation. The ridiculous attempt to make political parties non-partisan, is the latest. The executive committee of the citizens' non-partisan committee called on the chairman of the local political committees and asked them to aid in making non-partisan nominations wherever possible and in

obtaining legislation which would make non-partisan nominations possible all over the city.

George C. Sikes was chairman of the committee that called on the county chairmen, who are John F. Devine, Republican; Harold Ickes, Progressive; John McGillen, Democratic, and A. J. Sabath, Hearst-Harrison Democratic.

It is a delicate compliment to the Municipal Voters League to say, as everybody is saying, that the longer the M. V. L. existed the worse the city council became until the state finally

on the initial page of the Trib—next column to B. L. T. "How is that?" "I am a wireless patient of Doc Evans."

The Tribune has a lot to answer for. We have had foggy weather in Chicago every day since it became the Chicago edition of the London Times.

The poor Municipal Voters League. What will it take up a collection for now?

Chicago demands a subway as a safeguard against congestion.

Hungry Hogan, Carl Vrooman and Frank Comerford are on the war path. "The senatorship or nothing."

Well, thanks to the fight made by the Chicago Eagle, the aldermen did not hand over the Automatic Company to the Phone Trust.

Appetite John has sold several more city bonds. But they don't go as quickly as the pancakes he used to haul out in that Clark street banquet hall.

The Old Time Printers' banquet and ball at the La Salle Hotel Franklin Day, January 16, will be the event of the season. Melville E. Stone and U. S. Senator Sherman will be the speakers.

The Progressives have shown the right kind of spirit in rejecting the non-partisan aldermanic scheme of local grafters.

This will be a warm year in Democratic politics no matter what the weather man does.

We feel sorry for the Municipal Voters League. The transfer of corporation graft from the city council to Springfield hurts its local occupation.

Beat every alderman who voted to raise telephone rates last summer.

L. Y. Sherman will talk on the Allen and Warehouse bills this year at several meetings.

Miss Margaret Haley, business agent of the Teachers' Federation, says that the increase of \$1,000,000 which she proposed for elementary

SANITARY WORK

The Drainage Trustees Made a Record for Achievement in the Year Which Has Just Closed.

Water Meter Graft, Telephone Graft and the Latest Efforts of the Trusts to Get the People's Money.

Water Meters in Every House and the Sale of Chicagoans to the Phone Trust Are Facts Not to Be Forgotten.

The People Can Remedy These Things by Electing Men Who Work for Them and Not for Their Common Enemies.

The year just closed has been one of achievement that is record making in the history of the Sanitary District. Under the present administration a much greater amount of work has been performed than during years passed, at a cost that has fallen considerably below that of previous periods.

The following table of the electrical department shows the increase in the history of the lighting system for the city of Chicago for the three years used for comparison:

Year	Conduit and Cable City Lamps	Installed	Installed
1911.....	628,193 ft.	7	
1912.....	845,543 ft.	2257	
1913.....	1,123,700 ft.	4860	

During the year just closed the main channel was widened seventy feet for distance of five miles between Thirty-first street and Summit and 1,500,000 yards of dirt was removed and deposited at Twelfth street behind bulkheads where the new Field museum of natural history is to be erected.

In addition to this 121,000 yards of septic sludge were removed from Bubbly creek and deposited in the same place. And 160,000 yards of earth that had slid into the North Shore channel because of hasty construction by a former administration were removed from that right of way.

Long delayed repairs to the city pumping stations necessitated an expenditure of approximately \$25,000 for rehabilitation. During the year comfort stations for the benefit of the public were installed, 39th street and Wilmette stations. Approximately \$20,000 was expended in widening the drains through the Skokie.

The walls around the power house at Lockport had to be rebuilt in various places pursuant to a legislative investigation that showed they had deteriorated.

Contracts for the excavation of five sections of the Calumet-Sag channel have been made entailing an outlay of \$3,127,612. Five miles of a collateral ditch for draining the Sag valley and the diversion of Stony creek was constructed.

Work on nine miles of the Calumet-Sag canal has progressed as rapidly as the most modern machinery and the best of engineering skill would permit, and arrangements for the completion of the channel will be made by the board early in the coming spring.

On the west the construction work on a large sewer to connect the Cicero sewer with the main channel at Fifty-second avenue was half completed at a cost of \$158,702 and contracts were let for two sections of the north shore intercepting sewer running from Wilmette to Glencoe at a cost of \$324,304. The work for the remaining sections will be contracted for before spring.

This sewer is designed to keep out of the lake all of the sewage that is now running into it from practically all of the north shore towns.

To add to the beauty and safety of the city a modern bridge of the Bascule construction at Jackson Boulevard was contracted for. This bridge will cost \$375,000 and will remove one more center pier from the main channel to the benefit of navigation.

Another important contract let during the past year was one for building a mile of dockage on the main channel beginning at Thirty-first street with a view to docking eventually the entire right of way thereby enhancing the value of the property for industrial sites.

During the year the district received in taxes approximately \$4,700,000 out of which it retired outstanding bonds and paid interest to the amount of \$2,343,045, the largest retirement in the history of the district or any other municipality.

The law department also won in the Supreme court decisions which will forever settle certain expensive damage suits and stop others.

In speaking of the tax levy for the coming year Trustee Thomas M. Sullivan, chairman of the committee on engineering said:

"Our tax levy for the coming year will be just about the same as it was in 1913. We have decided not to ask for an increase in the rate notwithstanding that there is much more work to be done in the coming twelve months. We have accomplished many economies in the past year and hope to increase them in the future."

"The big problem that now confronts us is to win our suit against the government for the right to draw a greater amount of water from the lake. The suit is set for trial during the coming month, and if we lose this suit the city and state will be compelled to spend millions of dollars to care for sewage and keep the drinking water pure. Any other method of attaining purity of the water has been found inefficient."

"My wish for the new year is that we may win this suit and give every Chicagoan a drink of clean water free from typhoid and other disease germs."

Edward Maher, popular president of the Lawyers' Club, is talked of for county judge.

Secretary of State Woods has announced his candidacy for United States senator.

The most idiotic thing in Chicago is the calling of South Wells street, "Fifth Avenue." There is no excuse for it.

Chicago needs a subway.

The need of the hour in Chicago is a subway.

Who will care for the Phone Trust now?

Women can vote for the following officers to be elected next November: Trustees University of Illinois. Clerk of the Appellate court. County treasurer, ex-officio collector. Two members board of assessors. Member board of review. Three sanitary trustees. Ten judges of the Municipal court. Women cannot vote for the following officers to be elected next November: State treasurer. Superintendent of public instruction. Clerk of Supreme court. United States senator. Representatives in Congress, two at large and one from each district. State senators. Sheriff. County clerk. County judge. Probate judge. Clerk, Probate court. Clerk, Criminal court. County superintendent of schools. President, county board. County commissioners.



THOMAS A. SMYTH,
President of the Sanitary District of Chicago.

had to take corporation matters out of its hands.

The County Civil Service board is a joke and should be abolished.

Hungry Hank, Windy Frank, Zero John and Talking Carlo would like the United States Senatorship. Who can blame these nice little boys?

Talking of the "initial page" of the Tribune W. G. N. (overheard at club.) "My initials appear regularly

teachers need not embarrass school finances. She points out that a fund of \$500,000 has been set aside to take care of the normal increase in salaries and that the Chicago schools' share of the \$2,000,000 authorized for Illinois schools is \$385,000. She says that these funds can be utilized.

The Phone Trust is still boasting of its power.

The Public Utilities Board should lower telephone rates at once.

has been prepared by the heads of the engineering and electrical departments, showing a comparison of the accomplishments and costs for the years 1911, 1912 and 1913. The table submitted by the engineering department shows the following:

Year	Monthly value Engineering work	of work	ing cost
1911.....	\$30,000	39%	
1912.....	48,000	31%	
1913.....	80,000	16%	

These figures show a saving in the cost of the work of nearly 50% over the previous year and a still greater